

SEVIS Release 4.14 System Changes

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The following highlights the System Corrections for this release:

F-1/M-1 Approved Schools

Active Students with Extensions List

- The *Active Students with Extensions* List will be corrected to display all Active F-1 and M-1 records with a pending or approved extension.

Student Records at Withdrawn Schools

- Officials will not be able to create new records, register initial status records, or request reinstatement for students at withdrawn schools.

Visa and Passport Expiration Dates

- Validation of Visa Expiration Date and Passport Expiration Date fields will be modified to allow visa and passport expiration dates in the past for continued attendance students.

Print Form I-20

- The system problem which caused the incorrect middle name to print on page 1 of the Form I-20 will be corrected.

Approved Off-Campus Employment

- Approved Off-Campus Employment (OCE) authorizations with an employment end date in the future will print under Current Authorizations on page 3 of the Form I-20.

Exchange Visitor Program Sponsors

Extension Beyond the Maximum Duration of Participation Request Cancellation

- Requests for an extension beyond the maximum duration of participation for which the fee/supporting documentation has not been received will be automatically cancelled 30 days after the submission in SEVIS.

Change of Category Request

- Requests for a Change of Category for which the fee/supporting documentation has not been received will be automatically cancelled 30 days after the submission in SEVIS.

Active Status After Approval of Extension Beyond Maximum Duration of Participation Request

- If an extension beyond the maximum duration of participation request is approved by the Department of State after the Program End Date, the Inactive record will be changed back to Active status.

The following highlights the System Enhancements for this release:

F-1/M-1 Approved Schools

Recertification

- Authorization to host F-1 and/or M-1 students, known as certification, is valid for 2 years from the date of approval. To renew this certification, SEVP requires schools to go through a recertification process every 2 years. **Note: Do not perform any recertification function in SEVIS until you have received official notification from the Student and Exchange Visitor Program Office. Additional guidance is forthcoming. Recertifications will not begin until the Interim Rule has been published.**
- To facilitate the recertification process, SEVIS will be modified to include the following functionality:
 - 180 days prior to a school's certification expiration date, all P/DSOs at that school will receive an email notification that their current certification will expire within 6 months.
 - 180 days prior to a school's certification expiration date, the PDSO at the main campus on the I-17 will be presented with a Recertification Application notice when they log into SEVIS. A new link, *Apply for Recertification*, will be available only for the PDSO to submit the Recertification Request. The PDSO should submit their recertification application as soon as possible. Failure to submit the recertification application and fee no later than 60 days after the certification expiration date will result in a withdrawal of the school's certification.
 - The school's I-17 will be unavailable for editing once the recertification application has been submitted, although PDSOs will still be able to add/delete/modify officials.
 - P/DSOs will be able to work with student records in SEVIS without interruption while pending recertification approval.
 - If a school's recertification application is approved, the PDSO at the school's main campus will receive an email notification of the approval and the school's certification date will change to the recertification approval date.
 - If a school's recertification application is denied, all P/DSOs will receive an email notification of the denial, followed by a formal written denial indicating the expiration date, and the school's certification will be withdrawn in SEVIS.

Change Education Level

- P/DSOs will be able to correct mistakes to an Active record's Education Level via the *Program Information* link.

Exchange Visitor Program Sponsors

Delete Applications/Requests from System

- A Form DS-3036, Exchange Visitor Application, for initial program designation for which the fee/supporting documentation has not been received for more than 60 days following the submission in SEVIS will automatically be deleted.
- A Form DS-3036, Exchange Visitor Application, for initial program designation for which additional information has not been received for more than 120 days following the date of the request from DoS will automatically be deleted.
- An Amendment request (Form DS-3036) for which additional information has not been received for more than 60 days following the date on the request from DoS will automatically be deleted.
- A Redesignation request (Form DS-3036) for which supporting documentation has not been received for more than 60 days following the submission in SEVIS will be automatically deleted.

Designated Sponsor Application Type

- On page 1 of the Form DS-3036, the option to select *Currently Designated Sponsor* and the field to enter the existing Program Number will be removed.

Print DS-2019

- Subject/Field Remarks will print on the Form DS-2019 for exchange visitors and their dependents. Although the text may be truncated on the printed Form, users may view the entire text in SEVIS.

Program Duration After Approved Change of Category

- After a Change of Category request is approved for an exchange visitor, the new Program Begin and End Dates will be used to calculate the duration of participation.

Exchange Visitor/Dependent Information Screen

- The Exchange Visitor Information screen will be updated to include the following fields:
 - Effective Date of Transfer
 - Date of Last Status Change
 - Status Change Reason
 - Section 212(e) – If the exchange visitor is subject to the Section 212(e), two-year home-country physical presence requirement, due to U.S. or foreign government funding or the exchange visitor is in the Alien Physician category, this information will be displayed.

Alerts

- The following 2 alerts will be updated as follows:
 - RO/AROs will receive an Alert for Initial status records 15 days past the Program Begin Date. (An RO/ARO may set the exchange visitor's status to Active by validating his or her program participation within 30 days of the Program Begin Date after arrival; or, may amend the program by changing the Program Begin Date to keep the 30-day window for validation open. Failure to amend the program dates to retain a 30-day window for validation or failure to validate the program within 30 days of the Program Begin Date will result in SEVIS automatically changing the status of the SEVIS record from Initial to Invalid or No Show.)

- RO/AROs will receive an Alert for Initial status records 15 days after the Change of Status approval date. (An RO/ARO may set the exchange visitor's status to Active by validating his or her program participation within 30 days of the Program Begin Date.)

DoS Email Notifications

- Email notifications that are sent to users when certain requests are submitted to DoS or when DoS acts on these requests (e.g., Requests for Additional Information, receipt of redesignation applications) will be updated to provide additional details and/or instructions.